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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated July 25, 2007, please extend the period of time for response two months, to expire on December 26, 2007 (December 25, 2007 being a holiday). Enclosed is a Petition for an Extension of Time and authorization for payment of the requisite fee. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.